

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 - 16, and 18 are in this application. Claims 2 - 4, and 17 have been cancelled, while Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein all the limitations previously recited in Claims 3 and 4.

Claim 4 has been objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of claims 3 and 4, consequently Claim 1 as amended is now cancelled Claim 4 written in independent form and is now an allowable claim.


Claims 5, 8, and 13 have been amended to be dependent on Claim 1.

Claims 5 - 10, 12 and 13 to which the Examiner has objected for depending on a rejected base claim now all depend, directly or indirectly, from amended Claim 1 and are now dependent on an allowable base claim. These claims and Claim 11, which depends and draws novelty from amended Claim 1, are now allowable claims.

Claims 14 - 16 and 18 have been allowed.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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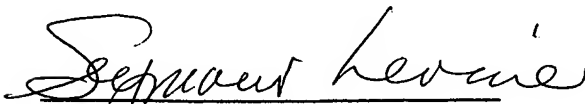
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